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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 2461

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, LA, TH

SUBJECT: PHOUMI NOSAVAN AND OTHER LAO DISSIDENTS IN THAILAND

1. THE THAI PRESS HAS CARRIED SOME RECENT ARTICLES CLAIMING THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL ASK PHOUMI NOSAVAN TO MOVE BACK TO SONGKHLA. THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR ASKED THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, VITTHAYA VEJAJIVA, FEBRUARY 12 WHETHER THERE WAS ANY SUBSTANCE TO THESE STORIES. VITTHAYA REPLIED THAT THE RLG HAD ASKED THE RTG ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO TO SEND THE LAO POLITICAL EXILES ABROAD. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHICH HAS HAD A POLICY FOR SOMETIME OF TRYING TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH LAOS, AMONG OTHER NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, HAS SINCE BEEN LOOKING FOR A MEANS TO SATISFY SOUVANNA'S REQUEST.

2. VITTHAYA SAID THAT THE MINISTER HAD PRESENTED THE ISSUE AT A MEETING OF THE THAI CABINET, WHICH IN TURN PASSED THE BUCK TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL (NSC). SINCE THERE SEEMED TO BE NO POSSIBILITY OF A THIRD COUNTRY ACCEPTING THE EXILES, THE PROPOSAL WAS FOR SONGKHLA SINCE IT WAS REMOTE ENOUGH FROM VIENTIANE TO DIMINISH  
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LAO FEARS. THE NSC HAS YET TO MAKE A DECISION.

3. VITTHAYA SAID THAT OTHER THAN PHOUMI, THE ONLY ONE TO WORRY ABOUT WAS BOUNLEUT SAYCOCIE. HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER BOUNLEUT WAS CURRENTLY IN THAILAND; RUMOR HAD IT THAT HE MIGHT HAVE GONE TO EUROPE. BESIDE PHOUMI AND BOUNLEUT, THERE WERE SOME 40 OTHER LAO EXILES IN THAILAND, BUT THEY WERE ALL POLITICALLY NEGLIGIBLE AND POSED NO THREAT TO THE RLG.

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